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**CERTIFIED MAIL / RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ms. Page Turney  
Office of General Counsel  
720 Kennon Street, S.E., Room 233  
Washington Navy Yard, D.C.  
20374-5013

Re: Draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the Gorst – Bremerton Landfill Site,  
Port Orchard, Washington

Dear Ms. Turney:

In a letter dated March 22, 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 notified the U.S. Navy of its decision to prepare an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) to conduct a non-time critical removal action at the Gorst – Bremerton Landfill Site (Site) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). A draft EE/CA has been prepared and is current out for public review and comment. A copy of the EE/CA is enclosed with this letter for the Navy's review.

EPA is providing this notification and a copy of the draft EE/CA because we believe the Navy may be liable under CERCLA for the costs of the removal action, and therefore has an interest in the evaluation of alternatives and selection of a final action. As explained in a General Notice Letter dated December 24, 2009, available evidence shows the Navy disposed of industrial trash, garbage, construction debris, chemicals, and waste oils in the Gorst Creek ravine. The Navy's contribution of waste may be up to 93,000 cubic yards of waste, or approximately 60% of the total landfill volume. To date, the Navy has denied it has a share in any liability at the Site.

We encourage the Navy to review the enclosed draft EE/CA and to provide comments as appropriate. If you have any questions concerning the EE/CA, or wish to discuss the Navy's involvement in future response actions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-4710, or by email at [fidis.alexander@epa.gov](mailto:fidis.alexander@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Fidis".

Alex Fidis  
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Enc. Final Draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, Bremerton Auto Wrecking Landfill –  
Gorst Creek Site